

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): A method for producing a structure on a
2 substrate comprising the steps of
3 depositing drops of a suspension of
4 nanoparticles of a material in a liquid by means of a
5 droplet generator,
6 melting the nanoparticles of the deposited drops
7 at least partially by exposition to laser light and
8 solidifying the molten nanoparticles for forming
9 the structure.

1 Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising
2 the steps of
3 directing the laser light to a curing point on
4 the substrate and
5 translating the curing point in respect to the
6 substrate.

1 Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising
2 the steps of
3 depositing the drops at a drop-off point on said
4 substrate and
5 translating the drop-off point in respect to the
6 substrate.

1 Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising
2 the steps of

3 directing the laser light to a curing point on
4 the substrate,
5 depositing the drops at a drop-off point on said
6 substrate, and
7 translating the curing point and the drop-off
8 point in respect to the substrate

1 Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein the curing
2 point and the drop-off point coincide.

1 Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein the curing
2 point and the drop-off point are located at a distance from
3 each other.

1 Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 step of generating the drops by compressing a volume of the
3 suspension and thereby squirting the drops through an
4 opening onto the substrate.

1 Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the liquid
2 is selected from the group comprising toluene, terpineol,
3 xylene and water.

1 Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein an
2 exponential absorption coefficient of the laser light in the
3 suspension is at least $0.1 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$, in particular at least
4 $1 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$.

1 Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 suspension is deposited as a layer on the substrate and
3 wherein at least 80% of the laser light is absorbed in the
4 layer.

1 Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 nanoparticles are of a metal.

1 Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 liquid comprises toluene and the nanoparticles comprise
3 gold.

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein
2 an average diameter of the nanoparticles is sufficiently
3 small for reducing a melting point of the nanoparticles
4 substantially below a bulk melting point of the material.

1 Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein an
2 average diameter of the nanoparticles is less than 100 nm,
3 in particular less than 10 nm, preferably between 1 nm and
4 5 nm.

1 Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 structure is a superconductor.

1 Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein an
2 intensity distribution of the laser light at the curing
3 point is non-Gaussian.

1 Claim 17 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein an
2 intensity distribution of the laser light at the curing
3 point has at least two spatially separated maxima.

1 Claim 18 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 step of depositing said drops along a line strip on said
3 substrate, wherein an intensity distribution of the laser
4 light at the curing point has a local minimum on a center
5 line of said line strip.

1 Claim 19 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 steps of
3 depositing said drops along a line strip on said
4 substrate,
5 directing at least two laser beams onto said
6 substrate at said curing point, said laser beams impinging
7 on opposite sides of a center line of said line strip.

1 Claim 20 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 step of repetitively pulsing said laser light.

1 Claim 21 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 step of evaporating at least part of said liquid after
3 depositing said drops and before bringing said nanoparticles
4 into contact with said laser light.

1 Claim 22 (original): The method of claim 1 comprising the
2 step of heating said substrate by a means separate from said
3 laser light.

1 Claim 23 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said
2 substrate is transparent for said laser light.

1 Claim 24 (original): The method of claim 1 further
2 comprising the step of generating, above or below said
3 structure, a structured polymer layer by
4 depositing drops of a polymerizable liquid, and
5 polymerizing said drops of deposited
6 polymerizable liquid.

1 Claim 25 (original): The method of claim 24, wherein said
2 drops of deposited polymerizable liquid are polymerized
3 using UV radiation.

1 Claim 26 (original): A method for producing a structure on a
2 substrate comprising the steps of
3 depositing drops of a suspension of
4 nanoparticles of a material in a liquid onto said substrate,
5 illuminating a curing point on said substrate by
6 laser light,
7 at least partially melting the nanoparticles of
8 the deposited drops in said curing point and
9 solidifying the molten nanoparticles for forming
10 the structure.

1 Claim 27 (original): A method for producing a structure on a
2 substrate comprising the steps of
3 depositing a layer of a suspension of
4 nanoparticles of a material in a liquid onto said substrate,
5 illuminating a curing point on said substrate by
6 laser light having non-Gaussian intensity distribution,
7 at least partially melting the nanoparticles of
8 the deposited drops in said curing point while moving said
9 substrate in respect to said curing point to form a line
10 strip of said material.

1 Claim 28 (original): The method of claim 27 wherein the
2 intensity distribution has at least two spatially separated
3 maxima.

1 Claim 29 (original): A method for producing a structure on a
2 substrate comprising the steps of
3 depositing a layer of a suspension of
4 nanoparticles of a material in a liquid onto said substrate,
5 illuminating a curing point on said substrate by
6 pulsed laser light, and
7 at least partially melting the nanoparticles of
8 the deposited drops in said curing point.

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